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**MAYOR EDDIE PEREZ TOURS HARTFORD WITH HUD SECRETARY
ALPHONSO JACKSON TO DEMONSTRATE GROWTH IN
HOMEOWNERSHIP**

WHEN: Friday, April 29, 2005

WHERE: 10:15 a.m. tour Stowe Village, 54 Hampton St.
11:00 a.m. arrive at Rice Heights, 290 Brookfield--- off of
Flatbush Ave. (Media availability)

Mayor Eddie Perez will take HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson on a guided tour to demonstrate how Hartford has effectively utilized federal funds to increase homeownership and neighborhood economic development in the City.

Mayor Perez will show how antiquated public housing has been replaced with new owner occupied units. He will also seek additional federal support to increase homeownership in the Capitol City--- especially for first time buyers.

There are 800 new homeowners in the City since 2002, but Hartford still has one of the lowest homeownership rates in the nation at 24%.

HUD funds are being used to revitalize key neighborhoods in the City including Stowe Village in the North End and Rice Heights in the Behind the Rocks neighborhood. Other HUD related construction sites include the new Breakthrough Magnet School, and the recent building of the Charter Oak Place retail complex--- also in the Behind the Rocks area.

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